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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312

Sir :

Pursuant to Rule 312 of the rules of practice, please enter the amendment set forth below and consider the remarks which follow in connection with the above-identified application. Changes are shown by strikethrough (for deletions) and underlining (for additions to the text). Where specification paragraphs already contain underlining as part of the specification, double-underlining is used for additions to the text.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 32 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are described in the Remarks section of this paper.

Replacement formal drawings incorporating the amendments are attached as an **Appendix** (Figures 1-52B on 83 sheets) following page 41 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 39 of this paper.

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Applicants are also submitting concurrently herewith: (a) an Issue Fee Transmittal; (b) a Transmittal of the Formal Drawings (Figures 1-52B on 83 sheets); (c) a substitute Sequence Listing (two copies, on CD-ROM) and a computer readable form (CRF) version of the same; and (d) a Transmittal of the Sequence Listing.

A reply to the October 1, 2003 Notice of Allowance is due January 1, 2004. Accordingly, this amendment is being timely filed. In the event an additional fee is necessary, please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.